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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN ZAMBIA PRESS

1. UNITA COMMUNIQUE RELEASED IN LUSAKA DEC 15 REPORTS UNITA HAS RECAPTURED LUSO AND IS ADVANCING TOWARD HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO AND TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA. AS CARRIED IN DAILY MAIL DEC 16, COMMUNIQUE STATES UNITA FORCES CAPTURED MORE THAN 30 ONS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION PLUS THREE CUBAN SOLIDIERS AND TRUCK FULLY EQUIPPED WITH SOVIET RADIO SYSTEM. COMMUNIQUE ADMITS JOINT MPLA/CUBAN, AND KATANGA FORCES HAVE BLOWN UP BRIDGES ON RIVER KASSAR, INCLUDING RAILWAY LINE AND BRIDGE AT LUMEJE, AS THEY RETREATED TO HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO.

2. UNITA SPOKESMAN IN LUSAKA SAID SAVIMBI S VISIT TO KAMPALA FOR TALKS WITH OAU CHAIRMAN AMIN MARK START OF HIS DIPLOMATIC
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OFFENSIVE PRECEDING OAU SUMMIT MEETING ON ANGOLA. DIPLOMATIC

SOURCES REPORTED AS SAYING SAVIMBI WILL VISIT KINSHASA, YAOUNDE, ABIDJAN, AND DAKAR TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENTS.

3. COMMENT: IF BENGUELA RAILWAY LINE AND BRIDGE HAVE BEEN DAMAGED AS REPORTED, THIS WOULD NEGATE SAVIMBI S ASSURANCES MADE AT PRESS CONFERENCE HERE DEC 9 THAT BANGUELA RAILWAY WOULD BECOME OPERATIONAL SOON AND RENDER EVEN MORE REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT BANGUELA RAILWAY COULD BE RE-OPENED TO EASE ZAMBIA S TRANSPORT BOTTLENECKS.
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